



POLICY GOVERNING SUSTAINABLE FOOD-SERVICE PRODUCTS ON CAMPUS

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TITLE OF THE POLICY:	Policy Governing Sustainable Food-Service Products on Campus
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PURPOSE OF THE POLICY:	This policy aims to eliminate food service vendors' use of disposable expanded polystyrene (EPS) foam and plastic food-service products in all business engagements with the University.
REVISION NUMBER:	
ACCOUNTABILITY:	Vice President, Finance, AVP Business Enterprise
RELATED POLICY/POLICIES:	Policy Banning Plastic & Styrofoam Purchase in UB Departments & Academic units
APPENDIX:	

1. Preamble

The University of The Bahamas (UB) seeks to advance environmental stewardship and sustainability on our campuses, which embody approaches that reduce life cycle costs, restore or maintain the functioning of natural systems, and enhance human well-being. As part of this broader effort and to address trash reduction, public health, marine life protection, and environmental sustainability, UB intends to ban the use of non-sustainable food packing by vendors that do business with the university.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all University campuses, and is especially relevant to units handling food services and contract vendors doing business with the university.

3. Definitions

- 3.1 **Compostable** = All materials in the product will break down into usable compost in a safe and timely manner without leaving any toxic residue.
- 3.2 **Contract vendors** = Service provider having a contract with UB who is subject to the control and direction of the University for which services are rendered.
- 3.3 **Expanded polystyrene (EPS) foam** = A rigid and tough closed-cell foam, in the form of beads commonly known as packaging “peanuts.” Thermoplastic petrochemical materials utilizing styrene.
- 3.4 **EPS foam food service products** = Carry-out food packaging including trays, plates, bowls and cups.

4. Implementation

- 4.1 Vendors negotiating new contracts will be prohibited from using EPS foam food-service products.
- 4.2 Vendors operating under existing contracts are encouraged to phase out EPS foam products use as soon as possible. Contracts with current vendors will not be renewed unless said vendors commit to eliminate the use of all EPS food service products when servicing the university.
- 4.3 The University of The Bahamas favours alternatives to disposable plastic and EPS foam - Preference will be given to:
 - 4.3.1 1. Products that are reusable;
 - 4.3.2 2. Products that are non-toxic and certified compostable;
 - 4.3.3 3. Products that can be recycled in The Bahamas.
- 4.4 University personnel will not be able to purchase disposable EPS foam food products with university funds and are not to use such products at campus events.

5. Purchasing

- 5.1 Departments and academic units that must purchase biodegradable food service products, must do so through the university’s warehouse.
- 5.2 Purchases not going through the warehouse will not be honoured. E.g. Petty cash purchases.